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1. Since the Eisenach Conference, at which Carl H. Schwennicke and his followers openly opposed the pro-SED and pro-Russian leanings of the party in the Eastern Zone, the anti-Kùlz policy of the Berlin Landesverband of the LDP has rapidly gained in popularity throughout the Russian Zone, particularly in the state of Saxony. This trend became especially noticeable there during the election of the Executive Committee of the Landesverband at the end of September. The SMA had informed the Zonal Directorate of the LDP that it desired the re-election of Dr. Hermann Kastner, Minister of Justice in Saxony, to the chairmanship of the Landesverband, and had given orders that the election should not take place until his success was assured. The party leadership in Berlin notified the local functionaries that the choice of Kastner was necessary and Kùlz spoke in his behalf at the convention in Bad Schandau on 24 October; nevertheless, Arthur Bretschneider, an associate of Schwennicke, was elected to the post. Kastner received no other office in the Directorate of the Landesverband. Dr. Ralph Liebler of Zittau was elected first deputy chairman.

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2. Opposition to Kùlz and his policies once more found expression during the consultations of the Zonal Executive Committee on the "Program for London". The greater part of the resolutions advanced by Dr. Kùlz, which supported the Russian plans for Germany and Europe against those of the western powers, were rejected by the representatives from Thuringia, Saxony, and Saxony-Anhalt.

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